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SUBJECT: BASIL RAJAPAKSA DISCUSSES INDIA TRIP,
PARAMILITARIES IN THE EAST

REF: NEW DELHI 2803

Classified By: Ambassador Robert O. Blake, Jr. for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) Summary: In a November 3 meeting with Ambassador, Presidential senior advisor Basil Rajapaksa agreed security remains a problem in east Security in the East

12. (C) Ambassador opened by briefing Rajapaksa on the status of new AID programs in eastern Sri Lanka, noting that one of the centerpieces of

13. (C) The Ambassador pressed Rajapaksa on the importance of demobilizing the TMVP, noting that the GSL has been promising action on this if India

14. (C) Turning to Rajapaksa's recent visit to Delhi to answer Indian anxieties about the situation in Sri Lanka, Ambassador asked Rajapaksa

15. (C) On the humanitarian situation in the north, Rajapaksa said the Indians had expressed particular concern about civilian casualties from

16. (C) On political issues Rajapaksa said both sides had agreed on the need to "move toward" a peaceful, negotiated political settlement, Indian High Commissioner Emphasizes Political Discussions

17. (C) In a later meeting with Indian High Commissioner Prasad, Prasad confirmed to the Ambassador the information above, but said the Indian Comment

18. (C) As reported earlier, Basil's visit to Delhi helped tamp down complaints from Tamil Nadu. Its longer term impact is less clear. The Blake "